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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 10th meeting, on 6 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed full support for the programme and recognized the important role the programme played in coordinating the efforts of the United Nations system in support of Africa's development in general and the New Partnership for Africa's Development in particular. Several delegations called for a further strengthening of the programme.

4. Delegations recognized the importance of enhancing coherence, coordination and cooperation within the United Nations in support of Africa for the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-building Programme for the African Union and its successor programme, the Millennium Development Goals, the

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outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals.

5. It was emphasized that the post-2015 development agenda should reflect Africa's development needs as articulated in the Common African Position on the post-2015 development agenda and international support for Africa should be adapted to Africa's priorities. It was acknowledged that agriculture, capacity-building, diversification of economies, employment for youth, food security, industrialization, infrastructure development and health were major African priorities and central to Africa's transformative development agenda.

6. Delegations underscored the importance of enhancing strategic partnerships among African countries, including through coordination with regional bodies. The view was expressed that in addition to emphasis on strengthening South-South cooperation, there was a continued need for North-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa's development, peace and security. It was suggested that future reports should highlight such strategic partnerships.

7. It was pointed out that flexibility would be needed in the implementation of the strategic framework of the programme in the light of Africa's changing priorities as encapsulated in the strategic plans of the African Union Commission and NEPAD for the period 2014-2017 and the strategic directions to be articulated in the African Union's Agenda 2063.

8. The view was expressed that advocacy was important for creating better awareness of peacebuilding in Africa. In this regard, peace should be adopted as a priority for Africa's development, and new emphasis should be given to enhancing synergy between social and economic development and its linkage to peace and security.

9. Clarification was sought on the wider spectrum of media resources and information technology tools being employed by the programme, in addition to the publication of *Africa Renewal*, that were contributing to its global advocacy and international awareness-raising of Africa's development and peace and security issues. Further clarification was sought as to how the Secretariat planned to make use of recent developments in information and communications technology.

10. Support for the Tokyo international conferences on African development, including the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, was expressed. Clarification was sought on the progress and challenges in implementing the process relating to the international conferences.

11. Support for the United Nations monitoring mechanism was expressed. Clarification was sought on financing for the monitoring mechanism, and it was proposed that the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session on the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development should include a matrix of new commitments beyond the commitments and actions already undertaken.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New**

Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 9.8

Replace the last sentence with the following: "Revisions to the biennial programme plan resulting from this process should be presented to Member States to ensure that the United Nations remains supportive of the work of NEPAD".

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective with the following: "To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and those for the period beyond 2015, in Africa".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), after the existing text, insert the phrase ", including through regional mechanisms".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (ii) with the following: "Increased number of international forums, activities and outputs addressing South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa".

Replace indicator (d) with the following: "Increased number of visits and page views on the website of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and other related websites".

Subprogramme 2
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Indicators of achievement

In indicator (a), insert the phrase ", programmes and activities" after the phrase "joint projects".

Add a new indicator (b) (ii), as follows:

"(b) (ii) Increased number of joint capacity development projects, programmes and activities implemented by regional economic communities in support of regional economic integration programmes".

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the word "recovery" with the word "growth".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (i) with the following: "Increased number of visits and page views on the *Africa Renewal* website and other related websites".

In indicator (a) (ii), replace the phrase "online news features" with the phrase "news items and publications (print, audio and video)", and replace the phrase "local media" with the phrase "the media".